

Missouri Pacific.

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Food.

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molasses are the ex-
and not the rule; the
lard sold by dealers is
one third water and two-thirds
refuse grease that is put through
a process known as refining;
the so-called baking powders
are a villainous compound of
alum and are indirect causes of
much sickness, and so it is
through the entire list of pre-
pared articles of food, usually
sold by grocers. The evil is a
growing one. Wines, liquors
and beer are adulterated to an
extent that would surprise most
of those who consume them.
Common or bust-head whiskey
is mixed with tannin, aquafor-
tis, and tobacco juice, while
wines instead of being made of
the juice of grapes are com-
pounded of Cincinnati whiskey
and chemical acids. People
want cheap goods and manu-
factures supply the demand by
putting up bogus articles.

From New Mexico.

SILVER CITY, N. M. Mar. 12, '81
Editors Banner:
Feeling an interest in Bren-
ham and the BANNER, I give
you a few dots. I left Bren-
ham on the 10th of November
last and came overland to this
place, crossing the staked
plains.

This territory will in a few
years boast of her riches, not
only in rank with Colorado and
Nevada, but with California.
What we want at present is
capital to develop our resources.
Our mineral wealth is immense
as a stock raising country
New Mexico is equal to the
best.

The railroads are progressing
rapidly, the Southern Pacific
from California and the Atchi-
son, Topeka and Santa Fe roads
have met. The Southern Pa-
cific is going to El Paso, to
connect with the Texas and
Pacific.

D. E. L.
Our republican friends man-
ifest a marvelous fastidiousness
about that fine shade of mean-
ing which distinguishes the Vir-
ginia "Readjuster," from the
common "repudiator" of other
states. Their hair-splitting ex-
actness won't convince anybody
that there is a particle of differ-
ence between the readjusting
Mahone, whom the Virginia
Democracy have repudiated,
and the repudiating republicans
of Minnesota. The distinction
drawn between the discounten-
anced democratic readjusters of
the south and the countenanced
Republican repudiators of the
North is a distinction without a
difference.—St. Louis Republi-
can.

The Kentucky moonshiners
who loaded an old six pounder
to the muzzle with rusty
and broken pot metal, the
day, and let it fly at
Helm and

17th LEGISLATURE.

AUSTIN, March 23.—Senate—
Favorably on Senate bill to give
immediate effect to the bill
passed at this session, granting
1680-acre land certificates to
Texas veterans.

House bill setting apart 300
leagues of land, four leagues of
which are to be set apart to each
county for the benefit of public
free schools, as soon as such
county is organized. Passed.
The senate concurred in
house amendment to senate
joint resolution amending the
constitution limiting session of
the legislature to 100 days; and
in house amendment to senate
bill amending charters of cities
and towns, so as to provide for
levy of special tax for public
free schools.

The senate refused to agree
to the house amendments to the
general appropriation bill.
A conference committee was
appointed to confer with a com-
mittee from the house on gen-
eral appropriation bill.

Petitions were presented from
the oil companies against rail-
road legislation.

House.—Senate bill amend-
ing the general incorporation
act for cities and towns; so as
to permit cities and towns in-
corporated under that act, to
levy a special tax of one half of
one per cent, was taken up and
passed.

Hutcheson's substitute for
the railroad bill was adopted
by a vote of 52 to 29. Gray
voting for it and Haynes against
it.

The fish bill passed to en-
grossment.

The prohibition amendment
was taken up and defeated,
lacking twelve of the necessary
two-thirds vote. The vote was
for submitting the amendment
50; against submitting 31.
Messrs. Haynes and Gray of
this county voting for the bill.

The school bill was discussed
at much length.
AUSTIN, March 24.—Senate
—Memorial of the Northwest
Stockraisers' association, pro-
testing against any bill for the
lease of the public free school
lands.

Mr. Burgess: Joint resolution
providing for the appoint-
ment of a joint commission of
three senators and four repre-
sentatives, to meet after the leg-
islature adjourns to report a
railroad bill.

Favorable report on bill in-
creasing fees of assessors and
collectors of state and county
taxes.

Senate bill for protection of
cotton and prohibiting smoking
where cotton is stored, passed.
House.—Stringfellow enter-
ed a motion to reconsider the
vote on the prohibition resolu-
tion.

Bill to appropriate \$2500 to
purchase McAdams' picture of
"Lee at the Wilderness," was
considered in committee of the
whole. After some debate and
an adverse criticism of the
painting the committee refused
to adopt the appropriation.

House bill to exempt from
municipal tax, lands devoted
exclusively to agricultural pur-
poses, was passed to engross-
ment.

The matter of electing a board
of directors for the A. and M.
college was discussed at con-
siderable length without action.
AUSTIN, March 25.—Senate
—By Stubbs: Joint resolution
instructing our congressmen to
urge the settlement by the
United States government of
the losses caused by the burn-
ing of a part of the town of
Brenham by federal troops in
1866.

The conference committee on
the general appropriation act
reported their inability to agree
and asked for a free conference
committee.

Bill to give immediate effect
to the Veteran certificate bill,
passed.

Bill setting apart half a mil-
lion acres of the public domain
for the benefit of quarantine
purposes, with committee
amendment setting apart the
same quantity for public free
schools passed.

House.—Senate bill to strike
out Austin county from the list
of counties exempted from the
operation of the cattle inspec-
tion laws, passed.

Baker called up the bill pro-
viding \$5000 to pay per diem
of the legislature. Passed un-
der suspension of the rules.

The Bryan College directory
was taken up and an amend-
ment was adopted fixing the
number of directors at five and
leaving out the governor, also
an amendment that the gov-
ernor shall appoint and the sen-
ate confirm the appointment of
directors and that they shall
hold for six years, was adopted.

The house could not be
brought to the point of pass-
ing violators of the law against
concealing weapons, by
imprisonment in jail.

The house bill re-enacting
the laws punishing fish and
providing a fish commissioner
with a salary of \$7500,
\$6000 for distributing fish

EDITORIAL NOTES.

In Wisconsin prohibition met
with a signal defeat.

The new Czar of Russia is
six feet high, broad shouldered
and good looking.

RICH discoveries of gold and
silver have recently been made
on Vancouver's Island.

The legislature of Nebraska
has fixed the liquor license in
that state at \$1000 per annum.

The Galveston News remarks
that prohibition got a black eye
in the legislature. Took water,
so to speak.

FIRST-CLASS newspapers hard-
ly ever use proof slips, manu-
script copy, or refused job work
for wrapping paper.

The railroad men are again
gathering at Austin, having
been brought there by the ac-
tion on the railroad bill.

PROF. D. H. Whitaker, of the
Southern Quarterly Review at
New Orleans, died at Houston
on Wednesday night.

SEVERAL of the San Francisco
papers condemn the verdict in
the Kallach case and denounce
the demonstration that follow-
ed.

A FIRE in the Italian opera
house at Nice, on the evening
of the 23d inst., caused the
death of upward of a hundred
persons.

WOODSON HARDY left Georgia
about 8 years ago and went to
Texas. His sister, Jennie Stapp,
Huntingdon, Tenn., is anxious
to see him.

GEO. PARROT, a distinguished
murderer and highwayman, was
taken from jail at Rawlins, Wyo.,
and unceremoniously hanged to
a telegraph pole.

FRIENDS of Gen. Longstreet
are urging president Garfield to
recall him from Turkey and
make him United States mar-
shal of Georgia.

ANOTHER female Nihilist,
a friend of Roussakoff and Har-
man, has been arrested at St.
Petersburg. The trial will be
postponed a few days.

The Austin reporter of the
Galveston News says the bill for
the protection and preservation
of fish promises better results
than any legislation of the sea-
son.

The legislature has passed a
bill curing all defects in the law
regarding the levy and collec-
tion of special taxes for the sup-
port of free schools in towns
and cities.

The prohibition bill having
been defeated in the house, ends
the matter so far as the present
legislature is concerned. The
subject should be allowed to
rest for a while.

The readjuster state commit-
tee held a meeting at the Whig
office in Richmond, Va., and
endorsed the action of senator
Mahone in aligning himself with
the republicans.

THE New Orleans Times
thinks that the man who can
patent something that will ren-
der the new Czar of Russia
bomb-proof will acquire a
 princely fortune.

PAT BERRY, an enterprising
burglar, who with his associates
had worked four days to get
into a bank vault, at Rolla, Mo.,
was captured and killed, as he
would not surrender.

THE Dallas Herald favors
keeping up the department
of insurance, statistics and
history. It is capable of gath-
ering and disseminating a vast
amount of useful information.

ACCORDING to the New Or-
leans Democrat there has been
an epidemic of suicides in that
city. Within eight days four
persons killed themselves and
several others made unsuccess-
ful attempts.

GEN. GRANT has resigned the
presidency of the World's Fair,
and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch
remarks that this is the first
office that he ever let go before
the state of limitation seized
him by the heels.

NEW ORLEANS, New York
and other cities are beginning to
talk about cleaning up Gal-
veston is also begin-
ning to do so, to
we shall wait
election.

STATE NEWS.

-- San Saba is going to or-
ganize a military company.

--The grangers are now go-
ing to start a big store in Bur-
net.

--A telegraph line is being
put up from Columbus to La
Grange.

--The Parium ball at Nava-
sota on the 24th was a grand
success.

--The Pacific Express Com-
pany has opened an office at
Georgetown.

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pany opened an office in Dallas
on the 23d inst.

--Judge W. S. Wright, of
Hempstead, died in that town
on the 21st inst.

--Comanche has a flourish-
ing public free school and is
justly proud of it.

--A foundry and machine
shop has been started at Long-
view, Gregg county.

--Giddings is improving; an
old and unsightly frame house
has been torn down.

--San Antonio sends four
convicts to the penitentiary, third,
five years, fourth fourteen years.
The jury was out but a short
time and returned with a ver-
dict of not guilty.

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--Sheriff Lewis and deputies,
of Austin county, lately ar-
rested Nero Eastman, who is charged
with stealing cattle in that
county, and also in Washington
county. Eastman evinced a dis-
position to show fight by keep-
ing the officers at bay with a
shotgun and six-shooter for half
an hour, but he finally conclud-
ed to surrender. He is now in
jail at Bellville.

--Two stockmen named Len-
ard and Doyle, living in Jack-
son county, had a difficulty. They
went out to settle it, taking
along a man named Leroy as a
witness. It was agreed to fight
with rifles, distance one hun-
dred paces. Leonard started
to step off the distance when
Doyle attempted to shoot him.
Leonard then turned and killed
Doyle, after which he mortally
wounded Leroy. Leonard then
made his escape.

--Caldwell Register: A plan
is on foot to have all the orga-
nizations here unite in a grand
celebration April 21st....
Nearly 7000 bales of cotton
have been shipped this season
....Frankie Jahn & Seelhorst,
of Brenham, have opened a
branch store here....Thomas
F. Hudson will erect several
two story brick buildings....
A shameless den of prostitution
holds high carnival on our main
thoroughfare....We now have
enough spring poetry on hand
to fill one side of our paper.

--The Lone Star of the 25th,
says the farmers of Lee county
are needing rain—the ground is
so hard they can't plow.

--Elliot & Wright's store at
Comanche was burned on Tues-
day night; loss \$15,000. Others
lost to the extent of about
\$5000.

--A new church is in course
of erection at Sealy. It is to
be two stories high; the second
story will be used by the
Knights of Honor.

--The Pacific Express com-
pany will soon open an office
at Longview. They propose
giving greatly reduced rates on
fruits and vegetables.

--Within the past few months
no less than seven dwelling
houses have been burned by
incendiaries in the Jones neigh-
borhood, Brown county.

--J. Schutz fell off a load of
hay in San Antonio, carrying a
pitch fork with him, one of the
prongs passed through his heart
killing him instantly.

--The Fort Worth Evening
News heads a local "Hell broke
loose." It then gives the de-
tails of the capture of negro
man who insulted a lady.

--The Colorado Citizen re-
ceived a pleasant call from Mrs.
S. L. Cole, widow of David
Cole, a Texas Veteran. Mrs.
Cole came to Texas in 1829.

--The Colorado Citizen says:
So far as we have been able to
gather, the farming prospects
this year in this section are
worse than known for a number
of years.

--The Gonzales Inquirer
says farming operations have
been unusually active during
the past week. The weather
has been fair and no time has
been lost.

--Mrs. Rosa Giroda, an Ital-
ian, living in San Antonio, sui-
cided by taking a dose of
strychnine. She was laboring
under a fit of temporary insan-
ity.

--The editor of the Colorado
Citizen was presented with a
bouquet. He waives his hat
high in the air and exclaims,
"Where is the boy who doesn't
wish he stood in our boots?"

--The tax collector of Colo-
rado county is a liberal man and
has an abiding confidence in
printers ink. He publishes the
diligent tax list in both his
county papers, the Citizen and
the Times.

--The case of the State vs.
Jno. D. Hunt, for the murder of
Capt. Killough, was called in
the district court at Columbus
on the 23d, and continued by
the state, because of the ab-
sence of witnesses.

--A young man

—Mr. L. W. Harris, a mer-
chant and stock-buyer, of Lib-
erty Hill, Williamson county,
was met on the road seven miles
from Georgetown, and robbed
of between \$1000 and \$2000.

—In the fifth ward of San
Antonio the young ladies amuse
themselves by riding donkeys,
and enjoying a good old-fashioned
romp generally. The young
ladies probably did not want
this item made public.

—A couple of wild and wooly
cowboys from Gonzales county
went to Flatonia, got drunk
and refused to be arrested. The
town marshal had to knock
one of them down before he
could take him. They paid
\$17 a piece for their fun.

—At an election held in Gid-
dings on the 22d inst., it was
decided by a vote, that Gid-
dings shall not hereafter be an
incorporated town. Seventy
votes were polled against in-
corporation and eight for it; about
twenty voters took no stock in
the election.

—Monroe Harrison was tried
at Columbus for murder and
acquitted. The first verdict
was death, the second fourteen
years in the penitentiary, third,
five years, fourth fourteen years.
The jury was out but a short
time and returned with a ver-
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